

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status.

In addition, the claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and to reduce the PTO filing fee. Use claims 13-14 are cancelled without prejudice. New claim 17 is added corresponding to claim 12. New claim 18 is added corresponding to claim 14.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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